Notice of Intention to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration / Notice of Availability

Notice is Hereby Given: The <u>City of Sanger (City)</u> is the Lead Agency on the below-described Project and has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on the proposed City of Sanger New Water Well Project (Project) which includes installation of a new municipal water well. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the MND. The MND has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the Project.

Project Title: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City of Sanger New Water Well Project

Project Location: The proposed Project is located in Fresno County in the City of Sanger, California. The City is evaluating two potential sites for a proposed new municipal water well, although only one well will be ultimately constructed. The well location will be finalized pending pilot hole testing at the two sites. The proposed new water well will be installed either on a 0.2-acre site west of S. Greenwood Avenue and south of E. North Avenue (which is the City's preferred site), or on a 2-acre site west of S. Academy Avenue between the E. Butler Avenue alignment and State Route 180.

Project Description: The proposed Project consists of construction and operation of a new municipal water well. As described previously, the City is evaluating two potential sites for the new well, although only one well will ultimately be constructed. Project construction and operation would be similar at either site. The proposed Project consists of construction and operation of a new municipal water well, which would occur in three phases. The first phase would be the construction of a test well to determine the potential capacity of the well and to test for water quality of the aquifer. If the capacity of the well and the water quality meet Health Department standards, then the second phase for Drilling and Developing the well would occur. This phase would drill the well hole and install blank and louvered casing to the necessary depths for the well. The third and last phase would be the Pump and Motor phase. This would include the installation of a drive motor, discharge line, sand separator, emergency generator, site lighting, electrical equipment and other site improvements. The new well will help provide water supply and pressure requirements for the area. For the purposes of this evaluation, it is assumed this new well will produce approximately 1,200 gallons per minute (gpm). Based upon the 5- year average maximum day demand (MDD) factor of 0.97 gpm per service connection, this well could serve approximately 1,200 single family residential homes.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be from <u>September 29, 2022</u> to <u>October 31, 2022.</u> Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Sanger, 1700 7th Street, Sanger, CA 93657.

Please send your comments to David Brletic, City Planner at the address shown above or by email: dbrletic@ci.sanger.ca.us.

City Council Consideration: The Sanger City Council intends to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration on:

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022

Time: On or after 6:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall - Council Chambers

1700 7th Street Sanger, CA 93657